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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000,
provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application
filed on or after June 8, 1995.
See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Application Number	09/512,968
Filing Date	February 24, 2000
First Named Inventor	David R. Hembree
Group Art Unit	2858
Examiner Name	V. Nguyen
Attorney Docket Number	MI 22-1363

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
- i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on _____
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
- iii. ☐ Other _____
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☒ Other Interview Summary; Non-Initialed Form PTO-1449; Return Receipt Postcard

2. Miscellaneous

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other _____

3. Fees

- The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.
- a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 23-0925
- i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)
- ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)
- iii. ☐ Other _____
- b. ☒ Check in the amount of \$ 710.00 enclosed
- c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

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FEE CALCULATION

1. BASIC FILING FEE

Large Entity Fee Code (\$)	Small Entity Fee Code (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
101 690 201 345		Utility filing fee	710.00
106 310 206 155		Design filing fee	
107 480 207 240		Plant filing fee	
108 690 208 345		Reissue filing fee	
114 150 214 75		Provisional filing fee	

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2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES

Total Claims	Extra Claims	Fee from below	Fee Paid
Independent	-20** =	X	=0
Multiple Dependent	-3** =	X	=0

**or number previously paid, if greater, For Reissues, see below

Large Entity Fee Code (\$)	Small Entity Fee Code (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
103 18 203 9		Claims in excess of 20	
102 78 202 39		Independent claims in excess of 3	
104 260 204 130		Multiple dependent claim, if not paid	
109 78 209 39		**Reissue independent claims over original patent	
110 18 210 9		**Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent	

SUBTOTAL (2) (\$

FEE CALCULATION (continued)

3. ADDITIONAL FEES

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105 130 205 65		Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	0.00
127 50 227 25		Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	0.00
139 130 139 130		Non-English specification	0.00
147 2,520 147 2,520		For filing a request for reexamination	0.00
112 920* 112 920*		Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	0.00
113 1,840* 113 1,840*		Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	0.00
115 110 215 55		Extension for reply within first month	0.00
116 380 216 190		Extension for reply within second month	0.00
117 870 217 435		Extension for reply within third month	0.00
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119 300 219 150		Notice of Appeal	0.00
120 300 220 150		Filing a brief in support of an appeal	0.00
121 260 221 130		Request for oral hearing	0.00
138 1,510 138 1,510		Petition to institute a public use proceeding	0.00
140 110 240 55		Petition to revive - unavoidable	0.00
141 1,210 241 605		Petition to revive - unintentional	0.00
142 1,210 242 605		Utility issue fee (or reissue)	0.00
143 430 243 215		Design issue fee	0.00
144 580 244 290		Plant issue fee	0.00
122 130 122 130		Petitions to the Commissioner	0.00
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126 240 126 240		Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	0.00
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